



Maria Sanderson

Education – BA of Music, Violin Performance Major, Chemistry Minor, University of Indiana

Master's in Psychology, Purdue

Teaching Experience – Teaching since 2012

Instrument(s) – Violin and viola

Interests – Hiking, painting, gardening

Are you left/Right Handed? – Right-handed

Are you an Extrovert or Introvert? – Introvert

Age Preference – All ages!

Level Preference – Beginner through advanced

Favorite Series/Method – Flexible approach drawing from a variety of methods to meet each student's needs

Dance/Movement Curriculum – Incorporates rhythm, movement, and body awareness activities to support musical development

At-Risk Teaching Abilities – Experienced in adapting lessons for diverse learners and supporting students with unique educational or behavioral needs

A note from Ms. Maria-

Music has been a lifelong source of joy for me, and I love sharing that joy with my students. My goal is to create a supportive and engaging environment where each student can grow in both skill and creativity. While I am classically trained, I enjoy exploring many styles—from baroque to fiddle and folk—so that lessons are both well-rounded and inspiring.

About Ms. Maria-

Maria Sanderson has been teaching violin for the past 13 years. She has taught violin at programs including Indiana University String Academy, Cornerstone Music Conservatory in Los Angeles, and Fairview Elementary School. Maria has won numerous classical competitions and is the gold medalist of the Sphinx National Strings Competition. She has gone on tour both nationally and internationally and has had the privilege of performing with dozens of renowned orchestras including the Brevard Philharmonic Orchestra, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, and New World Symphony Orchestra. She Received her Bachelor of Music from Indiana University and has performed in concert venues including Carnegie Hall. She has collaborated with musicians such as Joshua Bell, Midori, Augustin Hadelich and Vadim Repin. Although classically trained, Maria also enjoys playing baroque, fiddle, bluegrass, folk and Irish music.